



# ABIDE IN JESUS

Shalom Ministries International 2026



## The True Vine

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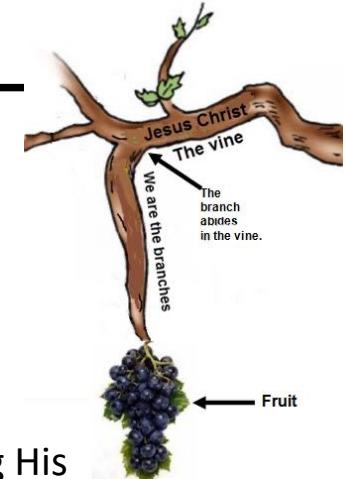
Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples (John 15:4-8, NKJV).

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# ABIDE IN JESUS

- Abide (Greek *meno*): Remain, dwell, connected and dependent on Jesus
  - Like a branch connected to a vine, draw life from Him.
  - It's an active, continuous relationship involving faith, trusting His word, and obeying His commands, allowing His life and love to flow through us to bear spiritual fruit.
- Key aspects of abiding in Jesus
  - Jesus as the Vine and believers as branches, life-sustaining link for bearing fruit.
  - Allowing Jesus's words, love, and presence to dwell in you, just as you dwell in Him.
  - Staying (a conscious choice to remain) and resting (letting Him do the work of producing fruit).
  - Keeping His commandments is how you remain in His love and how His joy fills you.
  - A deep, intimate union where believers are in Him, and He is in them, empowered by the Spirit.



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# HOW TO ABIDE?

- **Accept your identity in the True Vine**
  - I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser (gardener)... you are the branches (John 15:1, 5).
- **Build your life daily upon the foundation of His Word**
  - If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you (John 15:7).
- **Invest your time and resources into the things that hold eternal value**
  - By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples (John 15:8).
- **Discipline yourself in a Godly manner to grow in spiritual maturity**
  - If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love (John 15:10).
- **Expand your influence by exemplifying Christ's love to a world in need**
  - This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends (John 15:12-13).

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# ACCEPT YOUR IDENTITY IN THE TRUE VINE

- Jesus is the vine, we are branches
  - I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit...As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing (John 15:1-5).
- Jesus provides the life-giving source that flows into believers (branches)
  - Branches are useless without the vine; believers can do nothing of eternal value apart from Christ.
  - The vine (Jesus) supplies everything needed for the branches (believers) to flourish and produce fruit.
  - This involves ongoing intimacy through prayer, scripture, obedience, and receiving His guidance.
- What should we do?
  - Actively maintain your relationship with Jesus through prayer, reading the Bible (Scripture), and worship.
  - Engage in daily conversation with Jesus, listening for His guidance and obeying His commands.
  - Allow God to remove unhealthy parts of your life, so you can bear even more fruit.

# BUILD YOUR LIFE DAILY ON FOUNDATION OF HIS WORD

- Abide in God's Word
  - If you abide in Me, and **My words** abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples (John 15:7-8).
  - Deeply internalize, live by, and continuously dwell in the teachings of the Bible, allowing Scripture to saturate your mind, heart, and actions
- Cultivating a life of abiding in God's Word
  - Daily schedule it: Read, meditate on, internalize, and obey Jesus' teachings to let His truth fill your mind and direct your life.
  - Deeper practices: journaling, memorization, and intentionally apply the truth you learn to your responsibilities and daily challenges.
  - Producing fruit: Like a branch connected to a vine, abiding in the Word enables you to bear spiritual fruit (actions, character) that lasts.

# INVEST YOUR TIME & RESOURCES INTO THE THINGS THAT HOLD ETERNAL VALUE

- God is the owner, we are stewards
  - By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples (John 15:8).
- invest your time/resources for His glory, focusing on eternal treasures
  - using your life for good works, serving others, growing in faith (prayer, Scripture), and being generous, bringing glory to God by bearing spiritual fruit and making an eternal difference, rather than storing up earthly wealth.
  - Time, talents, and money are gifts from God to be managed for His purposes, not just your own.
- Practical application
  - Time: Pray, read the Bible, serve others, develop skills, and prioritize activities that build God's Kingdom.
  - Resources (Money/Talents): Invest ethically, give generously to the needy, support missions (like Bible translation), and use your abilities to do good works (1 Timothy 6:18-19).
  - Heart Posture: Recognize your life is temporary; invest in eternity by helping people and spreading God's Word.

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# DISCIPLINE YOURSELF IN A GODLY MANNER TO GROW IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY

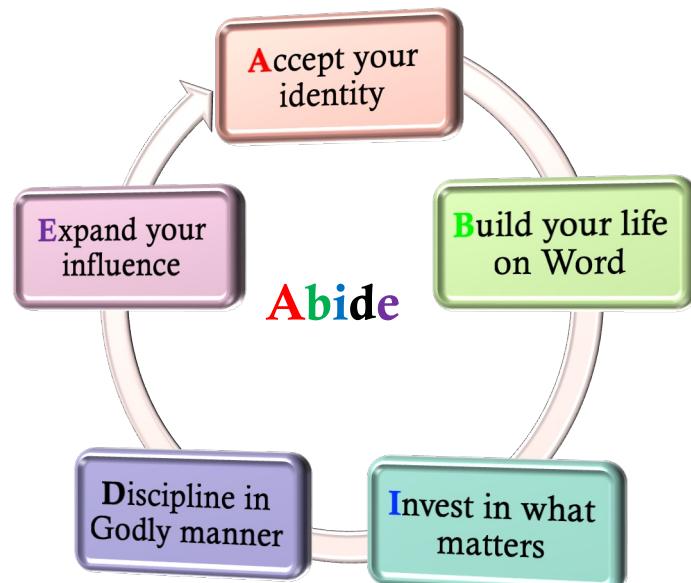
- If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love (John 15:10).
- Key biblical principles for abiding
  - **Obeying and** keeping His commands by Trusting His path even when difficult, choosing righteousness and saying "yes" to God, which demonstrates your discipleship.
  - **Fellowship and Community:** Abiding isn't just solitary; it's in genuine community with other believers. Support, challenge, and love one another as Jesus commanded, bearing one another's burdens.
  - **Worship and praise Him by** cultivating a heart of gratitude and awe for God -> Turn moments into worship, recognizing His presence and goodness.
  - **Practicing His presence and Solitude:** Intentionally setting aside time to be alone with God -> Cultivate moment-by-moment awareness of Him in every situation, quieting the noise to hear Him

# EXPAND YOUR INFLUENCE BY EXEMPLIFYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO A WORLD IN NEED

- Recognize your influence
  - This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends (John 15:12-13).
- Everyone has influence.
  - You're likely aware of some of your own influence at church and at home.
  - You influence everyone you come into contact with, such as your relatives, neighbors, and even casual acquaintances.
- Exercise your influence
  - Smiling at people, sympathize with people, serve people, speak up for people, sacrifice
- Maximize your influence
  - You only have two legitimate reasons to expand your influence—to help people and to share Christ with others. Any other reason is selfishness.

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# ABIDE IN JESUS TO BEAR MUCH FRUIT



## FOUR KINDS OF FRUIT

- Fruit of repentance
  - Produce fruit in keeping with repentance (Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8).
- Fruit of the Holy Spirit
  - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Fruit of character/Right conduct
  - You may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work... (Colossians 1:10).
  - Every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire (Luke 3:9).
  - This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples (John 15:8).
  - You also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God (Romans 7:4).
- Fruit of evangelism
  - I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles (Romans 1:13, NLT).
  - I urge you, you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints (1 Corinthians 16:15, NKJV).
  - And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together (John 4:36).

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## BEAR MUCH FRUIT IN 2026

- Bear fruit internally
  - Fruit of repentance; Fruit of the Holy Spirit;
  - Internal transformation;
  - Stand firm in your faith;
- Bear fruit externally
  - Fruit of good behavior (Loving, serving others);
  - Fruit of evangelism (Sharing your faith);
- Preserve the unity of the Spirit
  - Our Commitment to Unity: Active participation, enthusiastic worship, and a readiness to lead and serve within the church body.
  - Your presence and your leadership are vital to our mission.

- Main event in 2026
  - Ambassador Training (1/10-3/28)
  - Good Friday Fasting (4/3)
  - GREAT Leadership (5/9-7/11)
  - Summer Mission (7/17-26, Myanmar)
  - Ambassador Training (8/8-10/24)
- Key themes of the sermon
  - ABIDE, The Secret of Vine
  - Esther
  - 2 Timothy
  - The Doctrine of Hell
  - The Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11)

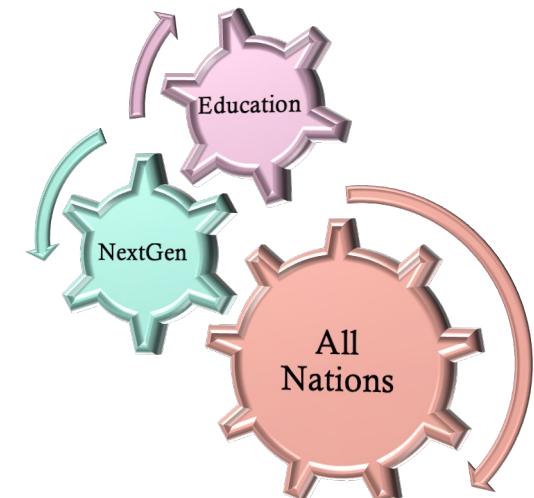
## SHALOM MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL VISION

- The 2030 Global Ambassador Mandate
  - By the end of 2030, Shalom Grove will have raised and commissioned 100 Ambassadors for Christ serving across 30 nations, establishing a global network of disciples dedicated to the expansion of God's Kingdom.
- Action Goals (Strategic Pillars):
  - **Sustainable Training:** Execute the Ambassador for Christ Intensive twice annually—a three-month immersive program designed to equip leaders with theological depth and missional practicalities.
  - **Evangelistic Mobilization:** Conduct annual summer mission trips to reach the unreached, with a commitment to sharing the Gospel with at least 100 people in each location.
  - **Global Connection:** Facilitate a weekly international Zoom worship gathering, uniting a minimum of 30 global participants in a digital sanctuary for prayer, word, and fellowship.

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## THREE CORE MINISTRIES OF SMI

- Education Ministry
  - Leadership Development: GREAT leadership; SHAPE, Home Church Leadership
  - Spiritual Coaching: Purpose-driven Life/Church; Ambassador Training; Christian Education; Holistic Growth; Doctrine of Grace; Goodness of God; Lord's Prayer
- NextGen Ministry
  - We are focusing on reaching next generation;
  - Christian Education; Christian Teacher Training
- All Nations Ministry
  - SMI is a diverse congregation in one spirit and one heart.



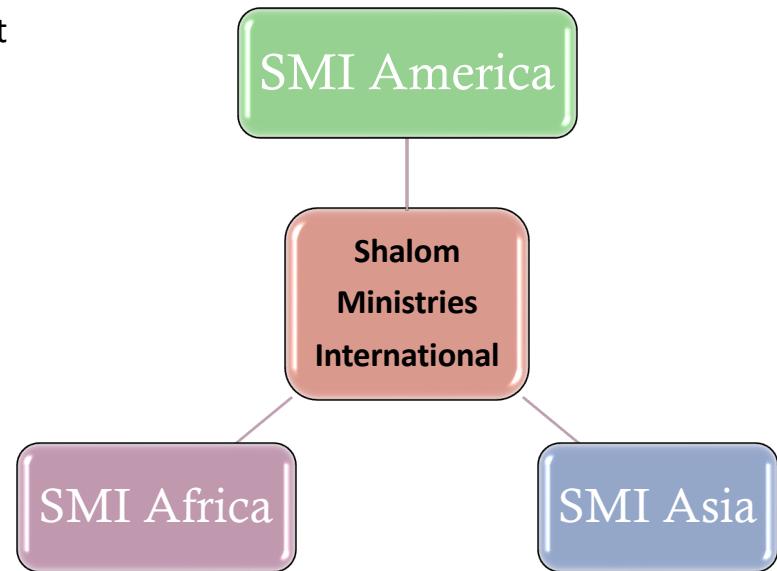
## LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

- Shalom Ministries International (SMI)

At Shalom Ministries International, we believe mission is not a department; it is our identity. Every believer is an ambassador. Since 2018, we have been building bridges between organizations to advance the Kingdom. We don't just provide aid; we provide transformation. Through specialized Christian education and training programs, we equip our global partners with the tools they need to lead effectively in their own communities.

- Leadership Roles/Responsibilities: **Influence**

- Model enthusiastic engagement
- Initiate missional presence (attendance -> influence)
- Commit to continuous equipping
- Foster communal unity
- Champion the 2030 vision



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### REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

After reviewing the information shared regarding our 2026 Goals and 2030 Vision, please answer the following questions:

- What is your personal goal for 2026? Identify 1–2 specific goals (e.g., I will read the entire Bible in 2026).
- What is your ministerial goal for 2026? Identify 1–2 specific goals (e.g., I will double my ministry membership compared to 2025).
- How do you personally connect with SMI’s 2026 goals or 2030 vision? Specify 1–2 strategies (e.g., I will lead an annual Ambassador Training Program in my church).

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